

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action of August 14, 2000.
Upon entry of this Third Response, claims 1-9 remain pending in this application.


In the outstanding Office Action, it is asserted that the Appeal Brief filed by Applicant on May 30, 2000, is defective for certain informalities. To correct for these informalities, Applicant submits herewith an Amended Appeal Brief. It is believed that the Amended Appeal Brief overcomes the objections set forth in the Office Action, and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the Amended Appeal Brief pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.192(d).

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicant's response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted ,

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